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ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS AN INCREASE IN PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITES (REF) IN THE PHUC YEN AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE CONSTRUCTION OF 5 NEW SITES AND THE COMPLETION OF 3 OTHERS, (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION, REF), GIVES A TOTAL OF 22 POSITIONS LOCATED WITHIN 7 NM OF, ORIENTED GENERALLY TOWARD, AND IN APPARENT DEFENSE OF THE PHUC YEN AIRFIELD AREA. FIVE OF THESE POSITIONS ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE COMPLETED POSITIONS CONSIST OF A PROBABLY CONCRETE ENTRANCE WITH A CONNECTING-WAY EXTENDING TO A CLEARED AREA FACED WITH A PARAPET. NPIC HAS IDENTIFIED, TO DATE, 55 SITES COMPLETED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE 5 NEW SITES MAINTAINS THE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED PATTERN OF RINGING THE HA NOI-HAI PHONG-NAM DINH DELTA AREA. A MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF EACH SITE IS REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. (BB)

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#### B. NEW TARGETS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

ITM01:DAC DUC PROB CAVE DEF SITE SGM:567B CTY:VN 211625N1055019E  
DES:CONSTRUCTION HAS APPARENTLY BEEN COMPLETED ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DAC DUC PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE AT 211625N 1055019E (UTM WJ870525). A PARAPET AND SEMICIRCULAR AREA HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN FRONT OF EACH OF THE 4 ENTRANCES. VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND IN A STRAIGHT LINE OUTSIDE THE FIRST 3 PARAPETS AND LOOP AROUND THE FOURTH. ADDITIONAL VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND FROM THE FIRST TRACKS TO THE SEMICIRCULAR AREAS BEHIND EACH OF THE OTHER THREE PARAPETS. CAMOUFLAGING IS APPARENT AT THE SITE. ALL THE POSITIONS ARE ORIENTED SSE. A SUPPORT EXCAVATION IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE SITE.

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ITM02:PHU XUAN PROB CAVE DEF SITE SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211930N1055045E  
DES:CONSTRUCTION HAS APPARENTLY BEEN COMPLETED ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PHU XUAN PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE AT 211930N 1055045E (UTM WJ877581). A PARAPET HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN FRONT OF EACH OF THE 4 ENTRANCES. VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND IN A STRAIGHT LINE ACROSS EACH OF THE SEMICIRCULAR AREAS BEHIND THE PARAPETS. THE SITE IS ORIENTED SOUTH AND HAS BEEN DARKENED IN AN APPARENT CAMOUFLAGE ATTEMPT. A SUPPORT EXCAVATION IS IMMEDIATELY EAST.

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ITM03:DAC DUC PROB CAVE DEF SITE 2 SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211702N1055037E  
DES:A NEWLY OBSERVED PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE IN FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION IS LOCATED NEAR THE VILLAGE OF DAC DUC AT 211702N 1055037E (UTM WJ875536). THE SE-ORIENTED SITE CONSISTS OF 2 PROBABLY CONCRETE ENTRANCES, EACH WITH A CONNECTING-WAY EXTENDING TO A

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PARAPET, WHICH IS POSSIBLY STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. TWO SUPPORT EXCAVATIONS ARE OBSERVED, 1 IMMEDIATELY NORTH AND THE OTHER NW OF THE SITE. THE SITE IS SERVED BY A SECONDARY ROAD EXTENDING BEHIND THE PARAPETS. THE EXCAVATION SPOIL HAS BEEN DARKENED AND LANDSCAPING IS APPARENT BETWEEN EACH ENTRANCE AND PARAPET. THIS LANDSCAPING CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF STRAIGHT LINES, POSSIBLY VEGETATION RUNNING PERPENDICULAR TO THE CONNECTING-WAY.

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ITM04:NINH MON PROB CAVE DEF SITE 2 SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211610N1054838E  
DES:A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE, NEAR NINH MON AT 211610N 1054838E (UTM WJ840523), CONSISTS OF 2 PROBABLE CONCRETE ENTRANCES ORIENTED WSW, EACH WITH A CONNECTING-WAY EXTENDING TO A PARAPET. A SUPPORT EXCAVATION IS IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE SITE. THE SITE IS SERVED BY VEHICLE TRACKS EXTENDING BEHIND THE PARAPETS. THE EXCAVATION SPOIL HAS BEEN DARKENED AND LANDSCAPING IS OBSERVED IN THE AREA BETWEEN EACH ENTRANCE AND ITS PARAPET. THE LANDSCAPING CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF STRAIGHT LINES, POSSIBLY VEGETATION, RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CONNECTING-WAY.

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ITM05:PHU HUU PROB CAVE DEF SITE SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211708N1054749E  
DES:A TWO-POSITION PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR PHU HUU AT 211708N 1054749E (UTM WJ826537). ONE POSITION APPEARS COMPLETE AND CONSISTS OF A PROBABLE CONCRETE ENTRANCE WITH A CONNECTING-WAY EXTENDING TO A PARAPET. THE SECOND POSITION APPEARS TO BE IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. NO ACCESS ROAD HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO THE POSITIONS, BUT VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND TO THE SITE AND A SUPPORT EXCAVATION SW OF THE SITE. A SECOND PROBABLE SUPPORT EXCAVATION IS WNW OF AND ADJACENT TO THE SITE.

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ITM06:DONG THON PROB CAVE DEF SITE SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211452N1055014E  
DES:A NEWLY OBSERVED PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE, UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE VILLAGE OF DONG THON AT 211452N 1055014E (WJ868496), CONSISTS OF 2 EXCAVATIONS ORIENTED GENERALLY SW. AN ACCESS ROAD HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO THE SITE FROM A NEARBY UNNUMBERED ROAD. A SUPPORT EXCAVATION IS IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE SITE.

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ITM07:NINH MON PROB CAVE DEF SITE SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211612N1054850E  
DES:CONSTRUCTION APPEARS TO BE COMPLETE ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NINH MON PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE AT 211612N 1054850E (UTM WJ844521). A PARAPET AND SEMICIRCULAR AREA HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN FRONT OF EACH OF THE 4 ENTRANCES. VEHICLE TRACKS AT THE SITE EXTEND IN FRONT OF THE FIRST 2 PARAPETS AND BEHIND THE LAST 2. THE SITE HAS BEEN CAMOUFLAGED AND A SUPPORT EXCAVATION IS IMMEDIATELY WNW.

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ITM08:AP XUAN HOA PROB CAVE DEF STE SGM:6A215 CTY:VN 211857N1054921E  
DES:A NEWLY OBSERVED PROBABLE CAVE DEFENSE SITE, UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE VILLAGE OF AP XUAN HOA AT 211857N 1054921E (UTM WJ852571), CONSISTS OF 2 EXCAVATIONS ORIENTED GENERALLY SOUTH. NO ACCESS ROAD SERVES THE SITE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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PART II. OTHER PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS - NONE

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